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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Review of Operations of the Budget Division by the Audit Staff

REFERENCE: Memo for ED/S and Compt fr C/Audit, dtd 23 Jan 59, Subj: Review of Operations of the Budget Division

1. Paragraph 2 of the above referenced memorandum concerns the delay of issuing allocations and allotments. As you know, although the Bureau of the Budget issued a limited apportionment of 38.4% of our requirements on 10 September 1958, there was an uncertainty as to when and how much would be made available to the Agency until certain problems were resolved with the Bureau (i.e., ceiling, pay increase, etc.). It was not believed advisable to issue allocations within the apportionments and to issue allotments for only a fractional part of the year's requirements prior to the resolution of these issues with the Bureau of the Budget. It was believed that issuing partial allocations and allotments might have an adverse effect on the organization as a whole, and it would require extensive explaining of a set of circumstances which were basically inexplicable. As you know, discussions were being held with the Bureau every few days and it appeared that some action might be taken at almost any time. The issues were not all resolved until the latter part of December at which time allocations were issued. It is hoped that we will not encounter a set of circumstances as difficult and as unpredictable again. Assuming reasonably prompt action on our requests for apportionments in subsequent years, we do not anticipate repetition of such a long delay as was experienced at the beginning of the current year.

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2. Due to the workload of the Budget Division, the review of red balances for Fiscal Year 1957 and Fiscal Year 1958 was scheduled to occur after the preparation of the Congressional Budget material which was initially scheduled for completion on or about 1 February 1959. The issuance of requests for information to the offices on 18 December 1958 was designed to have material back into the Budget Division shortly after the completion of the Congressional Budget which would permit the review contemplated in Comptroller Instruction No. 57. This review is now taking place and it should be completed in the near future.

  
E. R. SAUNDERS  
Comptroller

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